

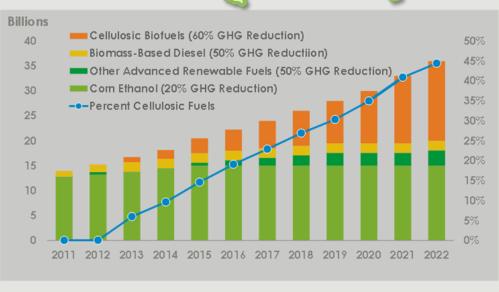
# "State of the Technology" Cellulosic Biofuels

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# Cellulosic Opportunity

- Over 200 ethanol plants; current US demand of 14B gal/yr
- US Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS) requires additional sources of 16B gal/yr of cellulosic ethanol by 2022
  - Cellulosic ethanol breakthroughs needed to meet RFS intent and requirements
  - Imports as alternative
- RFS provides premium for cellulosic ethanol, forecast at ~\$US 1.00/gal





# Cellulosic sugars are structural sugars found in fibrous biomass

### Cellulosic sugars are widespread, but hard to extract

1st gen sugars



C6 sugars; easy to extract and ferment

(corn – dextrose; cane - glucose)

Cellulosic sugars

sugarcane



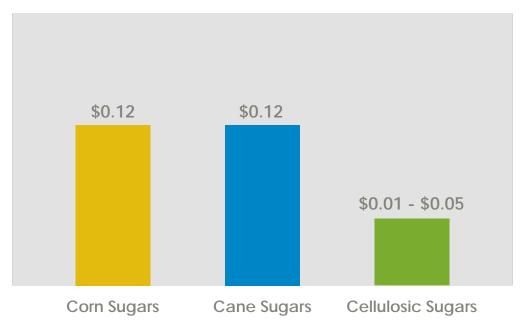
C6 sugars; harder to extract and less available

C5 sugars; hardest to extract and ferment

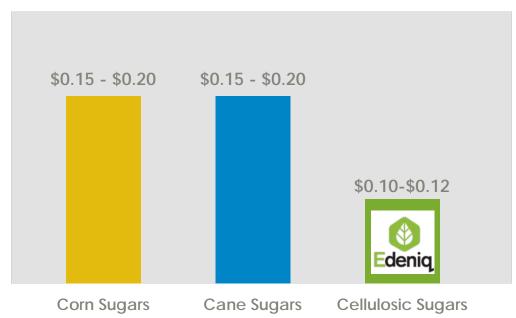
# Cellulosic Sugars Have Attractive Economics



### Feedstock Costs Per Lb.



### Sugar Costs After Extraction Per Lb.



# Edeniq's Cellulosic Sugars will be cheaper than Corn and Cane Sugars

# Challenge Areas

### Focus must remain on key profitability barriers

#### Costs

- Capital
- Feedstock
- Enzymes/ Catalysts

### **Process Technology Limitations**

- Conversion: process robustness, but...
- Purity: minimally invasive/ destructive (for downstream utility)

#### **Feedstock Controversies**

- Competition with food uses; alternative land uses

### **Investment Readiness Cycles**



### Challenge Area: high capital costs

### **Current Approaches**

- maximizing intensity of reactions (reduced volumes, times)
- maximizing utility of existing hardware (e.g., "bolt-on")

#### **Immediate Development Priorities**

- increased solids loadings
- optimization of recycles

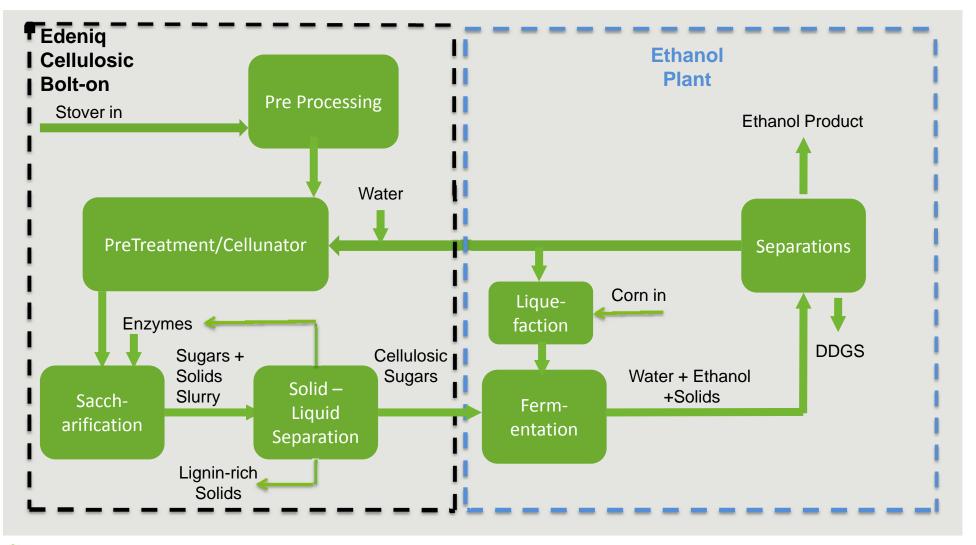
#### **Recommendation for CEC Involvement**

fostering partnerships to facilitate technology linkages;
 unit operations and process equipment integration



# Edeniq Bolt-On Design

### Block Flow Diagram – Stover Integrated with Corn Ethanol Plant

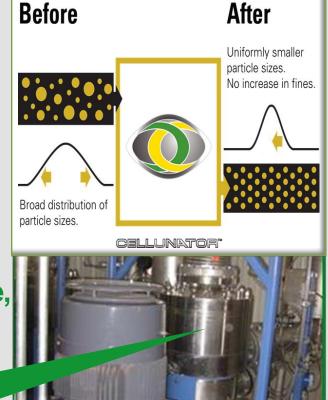


### Edeniq's bolt-on technology: Mechanical Pretreatment with Cellunator



- Wet state
- Right sizes particles
- Reduces viscosity
- Shears fiber
- Accessible enzymes to increased yield
- Homogeneous, stable, high-solids slurry





- Six Commercial Installations
  - ✓ Ethanol Facilities
  - √ 7+ years
  - √ 99.5% uptime
- Worldwide rights for biofuels and biomass markets
  - ✓ IKA Manufacture
- Patent No. 8,563,282
  - √ Granted Oct '13



### Challenge Area: high feedstock costs

### **Current Approaches**

- looking for highest value compositions and consistency
- taking advantage of high-volume aggregation availability
- developing partnerships with expertise in both areas

### **Immediate Development Priorities**

- deep understanding of physical and compositional variances
- process adaptability

#### Recommendation for CEC Involvement

facilitating process integration partnerships
 (harvest protocols; pre-processing operations)



# **Edeniq-CEC Feedstock Assessment Summary**

### Yields and Implications for California Feedstock Potential

Feedstock Class	Sugar Yield	Ethanol Potential (1)	Comments/ Other Factors
	(kg/ton equiv)	(gal/ ton)	
Nut Crop Residues	139	19	almond, peanut, walnut husks
Wood - Citrus	272	41	extensive work earlier in R&D pilot
Wood - Pine	133	19	useful cellulosic content low
Other Grain Crops (rice, milo) (2)	182 - 220	25 - 31	projections based on composition
Corn Stover	260 - 315	36 - 45	extensive CCM work with CA stover
Energy Cane (3)	460 - 518	66 - 75	cane bagasse

#### notes

- 1- assumes 92% efficiency of C6 fermentation; 75% for C5
- 2- high inorganic feedstocks; appear detrimental to Celluntor wear (separate tests)
- 3- surrogate for energy cane (CA programs in development)
- CA stover has high potential and is already available
- Energy crop projects appear to have the highest process potential;
   uncertain practicality due to land use issues
- Citrus wood is a possible target, but aggregation logistics uncertain
- Other feedstocks studied are disadvantaged



### Challenge Area: high enzymes/ catalysts costs

### **Current Approaches**

- engineering of process recycles; increased turnover numbers
- additives that enhance productivity and partitioning
- analytics to enable enzyme-specific improvement targets

#### **Immediate Development Priority**

- demonstration of optimized enzyme deployment via advanced recycle strategies

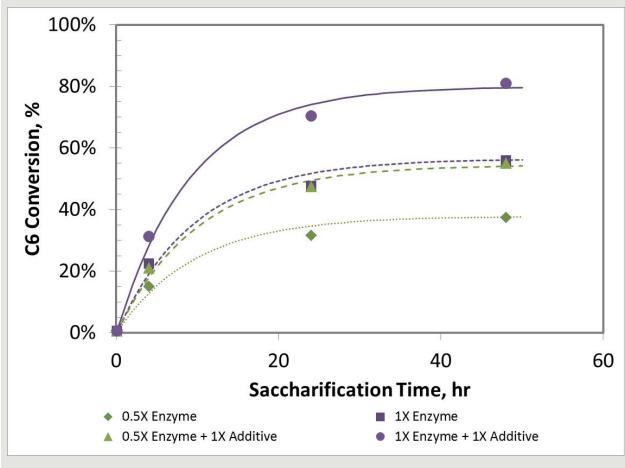
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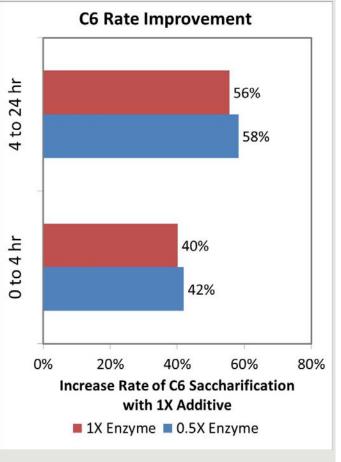
- support for analytical expertise development; fostering worldclass, broadly available, enzymatic fundamentals resources



### **Proprietary Additives**

- Proprietary additives increase C6 conversion
- Additives recovered and recycled in Edeniq process







### Challenge Area: Conversion; process robustness

### **Current Approaches**

- intimate integration of pretreatment and hydrolysis; continuous processing
- advanced reactive separation engineering capturing valuable intermediates while continuing to drive conversions

### **Immediate Development Priority**

optimization of operating space: conversion, purity, throughput –
 vs. capital requirements

#### **Recommendation for CEC Involvement**

 support for chemical reaction engineering expertise; extending feedstock studies to rheology (in process) studies



### Hydrolysis Process Innovations

**Proprietary continuous reactor** 

Cooperations with major suppliers to access latest enzymes

Edeniq has developed enzyme enhancers

- Increases activity of conventional enzymes
- Allows reduction in enzyme loadings
- R&D underway to improve performance

Enzymatic cocktails and process conditions optimized for each feedstock

and process

Standard operating conditions
Saccharification yield targets

C6: 80%C5: 70%

Optimizing enzyme recycle





### Challenge Area: Product quality; purity

### **Current Approaches**

- benign preprocessing and pretreatment operations that are minimally destructive
  - ... retaining highest intermediate values
- focus on purity indices most critical to downstream processes

### **Immediate Development Priority**

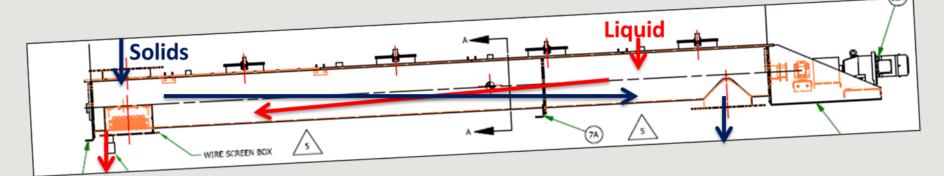
- optimized integration of all preprocessing and pretreatment unit operations
  - ... complete in-line processing

#### **Recommendation for CEC Involvement**

support for differentiating equipment development;
 fostering world-class process engineering expertise resources



### **Hydrolysis Equipment Innovations**



Tilted configuration of two-phase saccharification auger

SmartFlow TFF filter and housing assembly – in tandem with hydrolysis system operations





### Challenge Area: Feedstock controversies

### **Current Approaches**

- aggressive assessment of a wide range of non-food resources
- attention to holistic LCA assessments and C.I. rankings

### **Immediate Development Priority**

 extend "bolt-on" process configuration to a wide range of non-food, low C.I., economically-strategic feedstocks

Recommendation for CEC Involvement – support for step-wise technology roll-outs that will ultimately enable the most carbon-friendly scenarios; retention of expertise and focus on world-class LCA and C.I. assessment capabilities; enabling progressive feedstock acquisition partnerships that foster this expertise



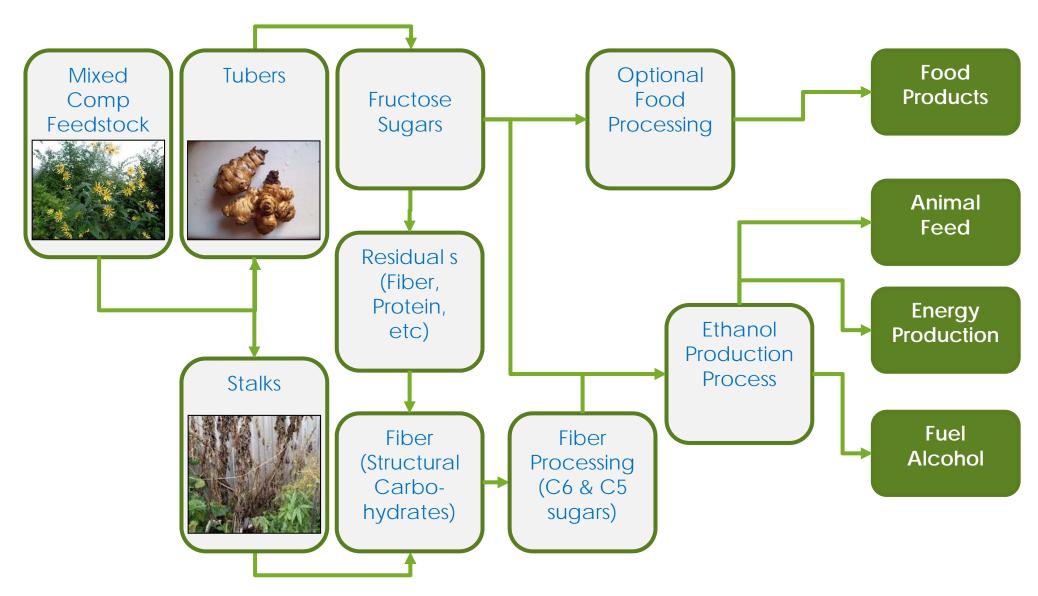
### Feedstocks Tested

- Sugar cane bagasse
- Corn Stover
- Wood chips (various types)
- Switchgrass
- Energy Cane
- High Biomass Sorghum
- With and without pelletization



### **Bolt-On Extension Example**





### Cellulosic Technology Features

#### Edeniq's Bolt-On Celluosics Process Incorporates Innovative Technology

- Fully continuous pre-treatment and saccharification
- Cellunator™ and additional shear/ pretreatment elements
- Process to increase enzyme efficiency, reduce enzyme costs
- SmartFlow solid-liquid separation to produce solids-free sugars solution (exclusive license)
- Leverage existing fermentation, distillation capacities



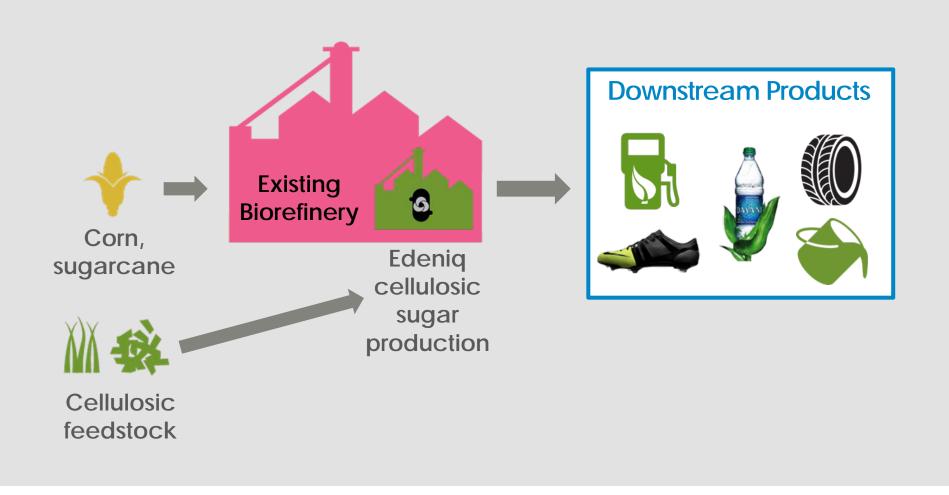
### Visalia pilot plant successes

- DOE-funded CCM plant operational since March 2012 up to 2 tpd
- Pretreatment optimization to maximize conversions in practical timescales
  - > C<sub>6</sub> and C<sub>5</sub> saccharification ~75% maintained over extended periods
  - > C<sub>6</sub> fermentation conversion >90% in <30 hrs
- Integrated process water recovery and recycle fully operational
- Simultaneous saccharification and fermentation feasibility proven
- 1500-hour DOE Performance Test successfully completed corn stover
- DOE targets of >1000 hrs; >90% up-time: reached and exceeded
  - Operational parameters and baseline design kinetics established for scale-up to continuous processing and bagasse demonstrations
  - Facility transitioned for validation of bolt-on commercial applications



### Edeniq's bolt-on technology: Integrating cellulosic sugars into existing biorefineries





# Summary

### Key Challenges Identified; Ongoing Support is Critical

- √ Costs: Capital; Feedstock; Enzymes/ Catalysts
- √ Process Technology Limitations
- √ Feedstock Controversies
- ? Investment Readiness Cycles

Support from the CEC – specifically via the ARFVTP – has been instrumental in forwarding these critical development programs.

Ongoing support is requested and recommended:

- establishment of sustained core competencies
- facilitation of critical partnerships in the value chain
- attacking identified toughest technical issues head-on
- continued emphasis on holistic LCA evaluations



# Solution: Renewable fuel. Sugar is the new oil.

#### Oil Reserves



#### **Biomass and Agriculture**



Renewable and Secure



### Unlocking the Sugar Conversion Process

Mechanical Processes

Technologies for Producing Lower Cost, High Purity Sugar

Biological Processes



Enable Biorefineries to Become More Profitable and More Competitive

